

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/581,356)	Examiner: CALAMITA, Heather
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Filed: February 8, 2007)	
)	Confirmation No.: 2047
For: NOVEL STRAIN OF SARS-)	
ASSOCIATED CORONAVIRUS)	
AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2009.

The Examiner required restriction of the claims by dividing the claims into the following ten groups:

Group I, claims 1-4 and 29, drawn to an isolated strain of SARS;

Group II, claim 5, drawn to primers;

Group III, claim 6, drawn to a probe;

Group IV, claims 7-10, drawn to a recombinant vector;

Group V, claims 11-13, drawn to polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies;

Group VI, claims 14-20, drawn to an immunocapture test;

Group VII, claims 21-22 and 28, drawn to a reagent and a kit;

Group VIII, claim 22, drawn to the use of a product;

Group IX, claims 23-24, drawn to a detection method using amplification and probes; and

Group X, claim 27, drawn to an immune complex.


Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-4 and 29, drawn to an isolated strain of SARS associated human coronavirus.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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